Question 4: Qualitative Quantitative Translation (QQT) — 8 points

A

For indicating $f_D < f_R$ — **Point A1**

For a justification that compares **one** of the following: — **Point A2**

- The motions of the disk and the ring using translational kinematics
- The motions of the disk and the ring using rotational kinematics
- The rotational inertias of the disk and the ring

For a justification that includes **one** of the following: — **Point A3**

- Reasoning that attempts Newton's second law in translational form
- Reasoning that attempts Newton's second law in rotational form
- Reasoning that attempts conservation of energy

Example Response

The ring has a greater rotational inertia because it has more mass distributed towards the edge. So the ring travels farther and has less acceleration down the ramp. Because the ring and the disk have the same mass, the gravitational forces exerted on the shapes are the same. From Newton's second law, the ring must have less net force down the ramp and more friction up the ramp.

B

For a multistep derivation that includes Newton's second law in both translational and rotational forms — **Point B1**

For indicating opposite signs for the gravitational force and frictional force in an expression for Newton's second law — **Point B2**

For using the relationship $a = r\alpha$ in an attempt to solve a system of equations — **Point B3**

Scoring Note: Responses that include conservation of energy may earn full credit.

Example Response

$$\alpha_{\text{sys}} = \frac{\sum \tau}{I_{\text{sys}}}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{R}\right) = \frac{fR}{I}$$

$$a = \frac{fR^2}{I}$$

$$\vec{a}_{\text{sys}} = \frac{\sum \vec{F}}{m_{\text{sys}}}$$

$$f - Mg\sin\theta = -Ma$$

$$f - Mg\sin\theta = -M\frac{fR^2}{I}$$

$$f + M\frac{fR^2}{I} = Mg\sin\theta$$

$$f\left(1 + \frac{MR^2}{I}\right) = Mg\sin\theta$$

$$f = \frac{Mg\sin\theta}{1 + \frac{MR^2}{I}}$$

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C

For indicating "Equal to" — **Point C1**

For a justification that includes that kinetic friction is only dependent on the surfaces (or equivalently, the coefficient of kinetic friction between those surfaces) and normal force — **Point C2**

Example Response

The forces of kinetic friction are equal. If slipping, the friction is kinetic, and the force of kinetic friction on the hoop and the disk are the same because the coefficient of kinetic friction is only dependent on the surfaces, and the normal forces on both are the same.

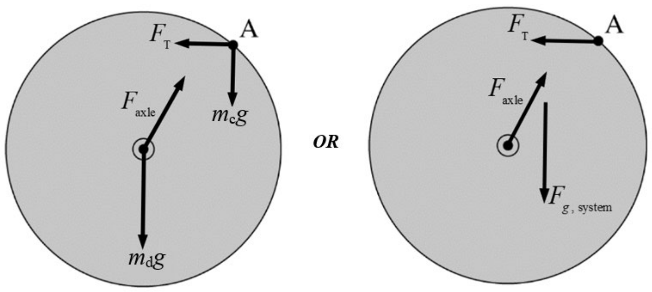
Question 3: Free-Response Question — 15 points

(a)	For drawing and appropriately labeling separate gravitational forces that are exerted on the disk and the lump of clay and exerted at the correct locations	**1 point**

Scoring Note: Drawing a downward gravitational force exerted on the clay-disk system at the correct location can earn this point.

For drawing and appropriately labeling a leftward force exerted on the system at Point A	**1 point**
For drawing and appropriately labeling a force directed up and right that is exerted on the system at the axle, and no extraneous forces are present	**1 point**

Example Responses



Scoring Note: Examples of appropriate labels for the gravitational force include F_G, F_g, F_{grav}, W, mg, Mg, “grav force,” “F Earth on disk,” “F on disk by Earth,” $F_{\text{Earth on Disk}}$, $F_{\text{E,Disk}}$, and $F_{\text{Disk,E}}$. The labels G or g are not appropriate labels for the gravitational force.

Scoring Note: Examples of appropriate labels for the normal force from the axle include F_N, F_{axle}, N, “normal force,” and “axle force.”

Scoring Note: Examples of appropriate labels for the tension force include F_t, F_T, T, F_{string}, and “Force from string.”

Total for part (a) 3 points

(b)	For a multi-step derivation that indicates the net torque is zero	**1 point**
	For indicating only the weight of the clay and the tension in the string exert torques on the system about the axle	**1 point**

Example Response

$\tau_{net} = \tau_{clay} - \tau_{string}$

For a correct expression for the torque exerted on the system by the weight of the clay	**1 point**

Example Response

$\tau_{clay} = Rm_c g\cos\theta$

For a correct expression for the torque exerted on the system by the tension in the string	**1 point**

Example Response

$\tau_{string} = RF_T \sin\theta$

Example Solution

$\Sigma\tau = 0$

$\tau_{clay} - \tau_{string} = 0$

$F_{g,\,clay} R\cos\theta - RF_T\sin\theta = 0$

$Rm_c g\cos\theta = RF_T\sin\theta$

$F_T = \dfrac{Rm_c g\cos\theta}{R\sin\theta}$

$F_T = m_c g\cot\theta$

Scoring Note: A maximum of three points can be earned if the trigonometric functions ($\sin$ and $\cos$) are reversed for both torque expressions.

Total for part (b) 4 points

(c) For indicating a direct relationship between the torque exerted by the clay and the tension in the string **1 point**

For correctly relating a greater torque exerted by the clay from at least **one** of the following: **1 point**

- An increase in the angle between the radial direction and the weight of the clay
- A greater perpendicular component of the weight of the clay
- A greater lever arm

Example Response

The torque caused by the weight of the clay at Point B *is greater than when the clay is at Point* A *because the component of the weight that is perpendicular to the lever arm is larger. To maintain equilibrium, the net torque on the system is still zero, therefore the tension* $F_{\text{T, new}}$ *must be greater.*

Total for part (c) 2 points

(d)(i) For using integration to calculate rotational inertia **1 point**

For **one** of the following: **1 point**

- Substituting $\rho(2\pi r)dr$ for dm
- Indicating the correct limits of integration

Example Response

$$I = \int_0^{0.3\text{ m}} r^2 \rho(2\pi r)dr$$

For a correct answer of $I = 0.012\text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$, including units **1 point**

Example Response

$$I = 0.012\text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$$

Example Solution

$$I = \int r^2 dm \qquad dm = \rho dA \quad \text{and} \quad dA = 2\pi r\, dr$$

$$I = \int_0^R r^2 \rho dA$$

$$I = \int_0^{0.3\text{ m}} 2\pi\beta r^4 dr$$

$$I = \left.\frac{2\pi\beta R^5}{5}\right|_0^{0.3\text{ m}}$$

$$I = \frac{2\pi(4.0\text{ kg}/\text{m}^3)(0.3\text{ m})^5}{5}$$

$$I = 0.012\text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$$

(d)(ii) For using the rotational form of Newton's second law **1 point**

For a correct expression for the net torque exerted on the clay-disk system **1 point**

Example Response

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = Rm_c g$$

For indicating that the rotational inertia of the clay-disk system is the sum of the rotational inertia of the disk and the rotational inertia of the lump of clay **1 point**

Example Response

$$I_{\text{system}} = I_{\text{disk}} + I_{\text{clay}}$$

Example Solution

$$\Sigma\tau = I\alpha$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\tau_{\text{net}}}{I}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{Rm_c g}{I_{\text{disk}} + I_{\text{clay}}}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{(0.3\text{ m})(0.60\text{ kg})\left(9.8\text{ m/s}^2\right)}{\left(\left(0.012\text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2\right) + (0.60\text{ kg})(0.3\text{m})^2\right)}$$

$$\alpha = 26.7\ \text{rad/s}^2$$

Total for part (d) 6 points

Total for question 3 15 points

Question 3: Free-Response Question — 15 points

(a) For indicating that the sum of the torques on the disk equals zero — **1 point**

$\Sigma\tau_{\text{on disk}} = 0$

$\tau_g = \tau_s$

OR

For indicating that the sum of the forces equals zero

$\Sigma F = 0$

$F_g = F_s$

For correctly substituting the expressions for the forces — **1 point**

$F_g R = F_s R$

$m_B g R = k\Delta x R$

$m_B g = k\Delta x$

OR

$F_g = F_s$

$m_B g = k\Delta x$

For correctly substituting for Δx — **1 point**

$m_B g = kR\theta$

$m_B = \dfrac{kR\theta}{g}$

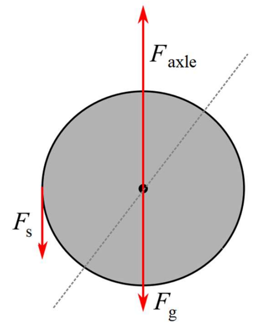
Total for part (a) — 3 points

(b) For drawing and labeling the force of the tension exerted on the disk anywhere between point P and the left edge of the disk, including point P and the left edge of the disk, tangent to the disk — **1 point**

For correct location and label of the force due to gravity exerted on the disk, directed straight down — **1 point**

For correct location and label of the force exerted on the disk by the axle, directed such that the disk remains in translational equilibrium (i.e., $\Sigma F = 0$) — **1 point**

Example Response



Scoring Notes:

- Examples of appropriate labels for the force due to gravity include: F_G, F_g, F_{grav}, W, mg, Mg, "grav force," "F Earth on block," "F on block by Earth," $F_{\text{Earth on block}}$, $F_{\text{E,Block}}$. The labels G and g are not appropriate labels for the force due to gravity. F_n, F_N, N, "normal force," "ground force," or similar labels may be used for the normal force, which can be used instead of F_{axle}. F_{spring}, F_s, T_{spring}, T, "spring force," or similar labels may be used for the tension force exerted by the spring.
- A response with extraneous forces or vectors can earn a maximum of two points.

Total for part (b) — 3 points

(c) For indicating that the net torque is due only to the force exerted on the disk by the tension in the rotational form of Newton's second law — **1 point**

$\tau_s = I_d\alpha$

For correctly expressing the torque on the disk by the tension in terms of the spring force, which is equal to the tension, and the lever (moment) arm — **1 point**

$F_s R = I_d\alpha$

For correctly substituting for F_s — **1 point**

$-k\Delta x R = I_d\alpha$

For correctly substituting I_d and Δx, or an expression for Δx consistent with part (a) — **1 point**

$-k(R\theta)R = \dfrac{1}{2}M_d R^2\alpha$

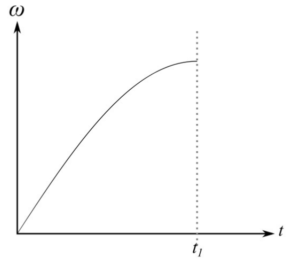
$\alpha = -\dfrac{2k\theta}{M_d}$

Scoring Note: The negative sign is not necessary to earn this point.

Total for part (c) — 4 points

(d)	For a sketch that starts at zero and monotonically increases until time $t = t_1$	**1 point**
	For a sketch that is concave down between time $t = 0$ and $t = t_1$	**1 point**

Example Response



Scoring Note: Any part of the graph beyond t_1 is not considered in scoring.

Total for part (d) 2 points

(e)	For indicating that the torque exerted by the force due to gravity on the disk increased	**1 point**

Example Response

The force due to gravity on the disk now has a non-zero lever arm and hence it exerts a larger torque on the disk.

For indicating that the torque exerted by the tension caused by the force due to gravity on the block increased	**1 point**

Example Response

The force exerted by the right side of the string (from the block) on the disk has a longer lever arm, hence the torque it exerts is larger.

For indicating that the torque exerted by the tension increased	**1 point**

Example Response

The counterclockwise torque due to the tension caused by the spring must increase to counteract the increase in clockwise torques due to the force due to gravity of the disk and tension caused by the force of gravity due to block to keep the disk in equilibrium.

Scoring Notes:

- A response that references the torque due to the force at the axle staying the same can earn all 3 points.
- A response that references the torque due to the force on the axle changing, or any additional torques can earn a maximum of 2 points.

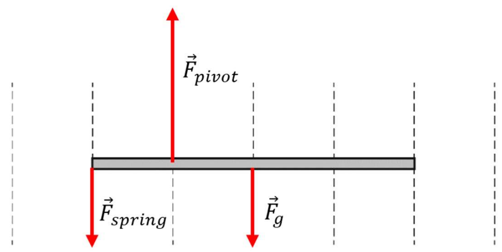
Total for part (e) 3 points

Total for question 3 15 points

Question 3: Free-Response Question — 15 points

(a)	For correct location and label of the force exerted on the board by the spring	**1 point**
	For correct location and label of the force exerted on the board by gravity	**1 point**
	For correct location and label of the force exerted on the board by the pivot	**1 point**

Example Response



Scoring Notes:

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- A response with extraneous forces or vectors can earn a maximum of two points.

Total for part (a) 3 points

(b)	For indicating that the sum of the torques equals zero $\Sigma\tau = 0$	**1 point**
	For substituting mg for the force of gravity and $k\Delta x$ for the spring force into a torque equation $\frac{L}{4}k\Delta x - \frac{L}{4}mg = 0$	**1 point**
	For a correct expression for Δx $\Delta x = \frac{mg}{k}$	**1 point**

Example Response

$\Sigma\tau = 0$

$F_{\text{spring}}d_{\text{spring}} - F_{\text{weight}}d_{\text{weight}} = 0$

$\frac{L}{4}k\Delta x - \frac{L}{4}mg = 0$

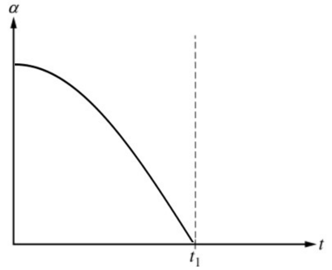
$\Delta x = \frac{mg}{k}$

Scoring Note: This point can be earned regardless of whether a negative sign is present.

Total for part (b) 3 points

(c)(i)	For a sketch that begins at a maximum value and monotonically decreases to a minimum of zero at $t = t_1$	**1 point**
	For a sketch that is concave down between $t = 0$ and $t = t_1$	**1 point**

Example Response



Scoring Note: Any part of the graph beyond t_1 is not considered in scoring.

(c)(ii)	For indicating that the torques are in opposite directions in the rotational form of Newton's second law $\tau_{\text{spring}} - \tau_g = I\alpha$	**1 point**
	For including $\sin(90 - \theta_0)$, $\sin(90 + \theta_0)$, or $\cos\theta_0$ in an expression for the net torque exerted on the rod $F_{spring}d_{spring}(\cos\theta) - F_g d_g(\cos\theta) = I_B\alpha_0$	**1 point**
	For substituting mg for the force due to gravity and substituting $k\Delta x_2$ for the spring force in an expression for the net torque exerted on the rod $d_{spring}k\Delta x_2(\cos\theta_0) - d_g mg(\cos\theta_0) = I_B\alpha_0$	**1 point**
	For substituting correct lever arms in an expression for the net torque exerted on the rod $\frac{L}{4}(\cos\theta_0)k\Delta x_2 - \frac{L}{4}(\cos\theta_0)mg = I_B\alpha_0$	**1 point**

Example Response

$\tau_{\text{spring}} - \tau_g = I\alpha$

$F_{spring}d_{spring}(\cos\theta_0) - F_g d_g(\cos\theta_0) = I_B\alpha_0$

$l_{spring}(\cos\theta_0)k\Delta x_2 - l_g(\cos\theta_0)mg = I_B\alpha_0$

$\frac{L}{4}(\cos\theta_0)k\Delta x_2 - \frac{L}{4}(\cos\theta_0)mg = I_B\alpha_0$

$\alpha_0 = \frac{L}{4I_B}(k\Delta x_2\cos\theta_0 - mg\cos\theta_0)$

Total for part (c) 6 points

(d)	For selecting "$\alpha' < \alpha_0$" with an attempt at a relevant justification	**1 point**
	For indicating that the net torque does not change	**1 point**
	For indicating the rotational inertia increases	**1 point**

Example Response

The net torque on the system is the same (the spring and the person exert the same force and the additional torques from the gravitational forces on the masses cancel) but the rotational inertia of the system is now larger. This means that the angular acceleration of the system is now smaller than it was before.

Total for part (d) 3 points

Total for question 3 15 points

Question 3: Free-Response Question — 15 points

(a) For using integral calculus to calculate the rotational inertia of the rod — **1 point**

$$I = \int r^2 dm$$

$$dm = \lambda dr = \gamma x^2 dx$$

For correctly substituting γx^2 into the above equation — **1 point**

$$I = \int x^2\left(\gamma x^2 dx\right) = \int_{x=0}^{x=L} \gamma x^4 dx = \gamma\left[\frac{x^5}{5}\right]_{x=0}^{x=L} = \left(\frac{3M}{L^3}\right)\left(\frac{L^5}{5} - 0\right) = \frac{3}{5}ML^2$$

Total for part (a) — 2 points

(b) For using integral calculus to determine the center of mass of the rod — **1 point**

$$X_{CM} = \frac{\sum_i m_i x_i}{\sum_i m_i} = \frac{\int x dm}{\int dm}$$

For correctly substituting γx^2 into the numerator of the above equation — **1 point**

For correctly substituting M into the denominator of the above equation OR evaluating the integral $\int dm$ to find the mass of the rod — **1 point**

$$X_{CM} = \frac{\int x\lambda dx}{M} = \frac{\int x\left(\gamma x^2\right)dx}{M} = \frac{\int_{x=0}^{x=L} \gamma x^3 dx}{M} = \frac{\left[\frac{\gamma x^4}{4}\right]_{x=0}^{x=L}}{M} = \frac{\left(\frac{3M}{L^3}\right)\frac{L^4}{4}}{M} = \frac{3}{4}L$$

OR

$$X_{CM} = \frac{\int x\lambda dx}{\int \lambda dx} = \frac{\int x\left(\gamma x^2\right)dx}{\int_{x=0}^{x=L} \gamma x^2 dx} = \frac{\int_{x=0}^{x=L} \gamma x^3 dx}{\left[\frac{\gamma x^2}{3}\right]_{x=0}^{x=L}} = \frac{\left[\frac{\gamma x^4}{4}\right]_{x=0}^{x=L}}{\frac{\gamma L^2}{3}} = \frac{\frac{\gamma L^4}{4}}{\frac{\gamma L^2}{3}} = \frac{3}{4}L$$

Total for part (b) — 3 points

(c) For selecting "Greater than" with an attempted justification — **1 point**

For a correct justification — **1 point**

Example responses for part (c)

Because more of the mass of the rod is at the end of the rod opposite point P, more mass is concentrated away from the axis of rotation; thus, the rotational inertia of the rod would be greater around point P than around its center of mass.

OR

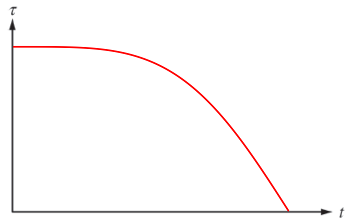
According to the parallel axis theorem, $I = I_{cm} + md^2$*, if the axis is at a position away from the center of mass, the rotational inertia is larger than if the axis were at the center of mass.*

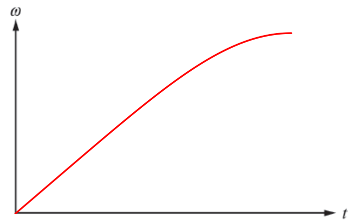
Total for part (c) — 2 points

(d) For a concave down curve that decreases to zero for the graph of τ as a function of t — **1 point**

For a concave down curve that approaches horizontal for the graph of ω as a function of t — **1 point**

For consistency between the two graphs — **1 point**





Total for part (d) — 3 points

(e) For selecting "Decreases" with an attempted justification — **1 point**

For a correct justification — **1 point**

Example responses for part (e)

As the rod rotates downward, the angle θ *in the torque equation* $\tau = rF\sin\theta$ *decreases. Thus, the torque on the rod decreases.*

OR

As the rod rotates downward, the lever arm between point P and the rod's center of mass continues to decrease; thus, the torque on the rod decreases.

Total for part (e) — 2 points

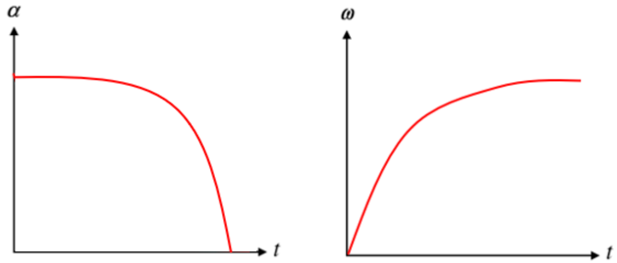
(f)	For using conservation of energy to calculate the speed of the rotating rod	**1 point**
	$U_i + K_i = U_f + K_f$ $U_i + 0 = 0 + K_f$ $U_i = K_f$	
	For correctly substituting into the above equation	**1 point**
	$mgh_i = \frac{1}{2}I\omega_f^2$	
	For correctly solving for the linear speed of point S	**1 point**
	$Mg\left(\frac{3}{4}L\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{5}ML^2\right)\left(\frac{v}{L}\right)^2$ $\frac{3}{4}MgL = \frac{3}{10}Mv^2 \therefore v = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}gL} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}\left(9.8\ \text{m/s}^2\right)(1.0\ \text{m})} = 4.9\ \text{m/s}$	
	Total for part (f)	**3 points**
	Total for question 3	**15 points**

Question 2: Free-Response Question — 15 points

(a)	For integrating using the correct limits or constant of integration	**1 point**
	$I = \int_{r=0}^{r=2L} \lambda r^2 dr = \lambda\left[\frac{r^3}{3}\right]_{r=0}^{r=2L} = \frac{\lambda}{3}\left((2L)^3 - 0\right)$	
	For correctly relating λ to M and L	**1 point**
	$\lambda = \frac{m}{\ell} = \frac{M}{2L} \therefore I = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{M}{2L}\right)\left(8L^3\right) = \frac{4}{3}ML^2$	
	Total for part (a)	**2 points**
(b) i.	For correctly substituting into an equation for the center of mass of an object in the horizontal direction	**1 point**
	$X_{CM} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{\left[\left(\frac{M}{2}\right)\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{M}{2}\right)(L)\right]}{\left(\frac{M}{2} + \frac{M}{2}\right)} = \frac{\left(\frac{ML}{4} + \frac{ML}{2}\right)}{M} = \frac{3}{4}L$	
ii.	For correctly substituting into an equation for the center of mass of an object in the vertical direction	**1 point**
	$Y_{CM} = \frac{\sum m_i y_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{\left[\left(\frac{M}{2}\right)(L) + \left(\frac{M}{2}\right)\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)\right]}{\left(\frac{M}{2} + \frac{M}{2}\right)} = \frac{\left(\frac{ML}{2} + \frac{ML}{4}\right)}{M} = \frac{3}{4}L$	
	Total for part (b)	**2 points**
(c)	For selecting “Less than” and attempting a relevant justification	**1 point**
	For a correct justification	**1 point**
	Example response for part (c) *Because object B has more of its mass closer to the pivot than object A, the rotational inertia of object B must be less than that of object A.*	
	Total for part (c)	**2 points**

(d)	For an acceleration graph that is concave down and begins horizontally	**1 point**
	For an angular speed graph that is concave down and ends horizontally	**1 point**
	For consistency between the angular acceleration and angular speed graphs	**1 point**

Example responses for part (d)



	Total for part (d)	**3 points**
(e)	For selecting "Decreasing" and attempting a relevant justification	**1 point**
	For a justification that indicates the lever arm for the torque is decreasing	**1 point**
	Example response for part (e) *Because the horizontal position of the center of mass for the object is moving closer to the pivot, the lever arm for the force of gravity is decreasing so the angular acceleration decreases.*	
	Total for part (e)	**2 points**
(f)	For using conservation of energy $U_{g1} = K_2$	**1 point**
	For correctly relating the change in rotational kinetic energy to the change in gravitational potential energy $mgh = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$	**1 point**
	For correctly substituting for h into the equation above $mg\left(\frac{L}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$	**1 point**
	For an expression for ω that uses only the allowed symbols and is algebraically consistent with the previous steps $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2mgh}{I}} = \sqrt{\frac{2Mg(L/2)}{I_B}}$ $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{MgL}{I_B}}$	**1 point**
	Total for part (f)	**4 points**
	Total for question 2	**15 points**

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Scoring Guidelines Set 1

General Notes About 2019 AP Physics Scoring Guidelines

1. The solutions contain the most common method of solving the free-response questions and the allocation of points for this solution. Some also contain a common alternate solution. Other methods of solution also receive appropriate credit for correct work.

2. The requirements that have been established for the paragraph-length response in Physics 1 and Physics 2 can be found on AP Central at https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/ap/paragraph-length-response.pdf.

3. Generally, double penalty for errors is avoided. For example, if an incorrect answer to part (a) is correctly substituted into an otherwise correct solution to part (b), full credit will usually be awarded. One exception to this may be cases when the numerical answer to a later part should be easily recognized as wrong, e.g., a speed faster than the speed of light in vacuum.

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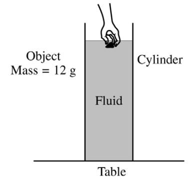
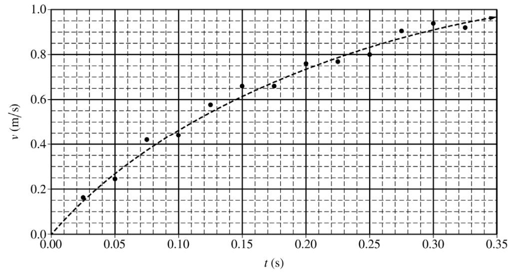


In an experiment, students used video analysis to track the motion of an object falling vertically through a fluid in a glass cylinder. The object of $m = 12$ g is released from rest at the top of the column of fluid, as shown above. The data for the speed v of the falling object as a function of time t are graphed on the grid below. The dashed curve represents the best fit chosen by the students for these data.



(a)

i. LO CHA-1.C, SP 7.A
1 point

Does the speed of the object increase, decrease, or remain the same?

____ Increase ____ Decrease ____ Remain the same

For selecting "Increase"		1 point

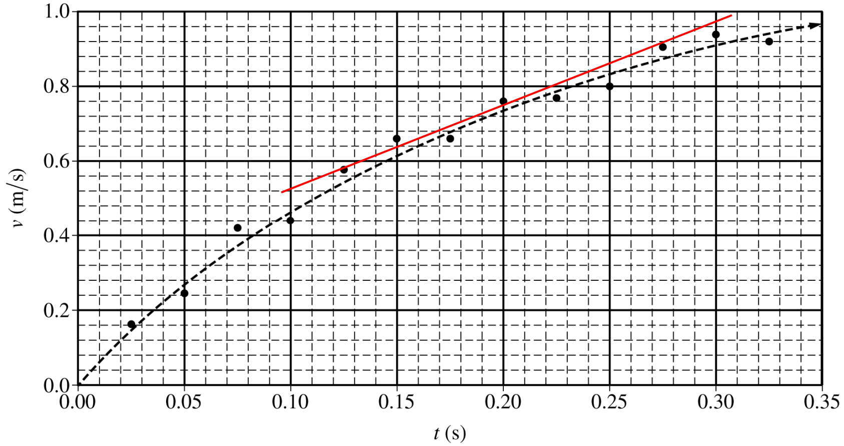
ii. LO CHA-1.C, SP 4.D
2 points

In a brief statement, describe the direction of the object's acceleration and how the magnitude of this acceleration changed as the object fell.

For a description that includes the direction of the acceleration as being "downwards"		1 point
For a description that includes the decrease in the magnitude of the acceleration		1 point
Example: Because the object is moving downwards and speeding up, the acceleration must be downwards. Because the slope of the graph of speed as a function of time is decreasing, the magnitude of the acceleration must be decreasing.		

Question 1 (continued)

(a) continued



iii. LO CHA-1.C, SP 4.D, 6.C
2 points

Using the graph, calculate an approximate value for the magnitude of the acceleration of the object at $t = 0.20$ s.

For calculating the slope of a trend line at $t = 0.20$ s		1 point
slope $= a = \dfrac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = \dfrac{(0.8 - 0.6)\ \text{m/s}}{(0.226 - 0.136)\ \text{s}}$		
For a correct answer using points from a tangent line		1 point
$a = 2.22\ \text{m/s}^2$		

The students use the equation $v = A\left(1 - e^{-Bt}\right)$ to model the speed of the falling object and find the best-fit coefficients to be $A = 1.18\ \text{m/s}$ and $B = 5\ \text{s}^{-1}$.

Question 1 (continued)

(b) Use the above equation to:

i. LO CHA-1.B, SP 6.B, 6.C
3 points

Derive an expression for the magnitude of the vertical displacement $y(t)$ of the falling object as a function of time t.

For indicating that the vertical displacement is the integration of the velocity		1 point
$\Delta y = \int v dt = \int A\left(1 - e^{-Bt}\right)dt$		
For the equation for speed using appropriate limits or constant of integration		1 point
$\Delta y = \int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} A\left(1 - e^{-Bt'}\right)dt' = A\left[t' - \frac{1}{-B}e^{-Bt'}\right]_{t'=0}^{t'=t} A\left[\left(t + \frac{1}{B}e^{-Bt}\right) - \left(0 + \frac{1}{B}e^{0}\right)\right]$		
For a correct answer		1 point
$\Delta y = A\left(t + \frac{1}{B}\left(e^{-Bt} - 1\right)\right) = (1.18)\left(t + \frac{1}{5}\left(e^{-5t} - 1\right)\right)$		
<u>Note:</u> Credit given for using A and B or plugging in the given values		

ii. LO INT-1.C.d, SP 6.B, 6.C
3 points

Derive an expression for the magnitude of the net force $F(t)$ exerted on the object as it falls through the fluid as a function of time t.

For attempting the derivative of the equation for speed		1 point
$a = \dfrac{dv}{dt} = \dfrac{d}{dt}\left[A\left(1 - e^{-Bt}\right)\right]$		
For a correct equation for the acceleration		1 point
$a = ABe^{-Bt}$		
For multiplying the equation above by the mass of the object		1 point
$F = ma = m\left(ABe^{-Bt}\right) = mABe^{-Bt}$		
$F = (.012)(1.18)(5)e^{-5t} = 0.071e^{-5t}$		
<u>Note:</u> Credit given for using A, B, and m or plugging in the given values		

Question 1 (continued)

(c)

The students repeat the experiment with a taller glass cylinder that is filled with the same fluid. The cylinder is tall enough so that the object reaches a constant speed.

i. LO INT-1.I, SP 7.A, 7.C
2 points

Determine the constant speed of the object.
Justify your answer.

For stating the constant speed is $v = A$		1 point
For indicating that the constant speed can be determined by setting the time equal to infinity		1 point
Example: After a long time, the falling object will reach a terminal constant speed in the fluid. This can be determined by setting the time t in the equation for speed equal to infinity. By doing this, the constant speed is determined to be $v = A$.		
<u>Note:</u> Credit given for solving mathematically		

ii. LO INT-1.H.b, SP 7.A, 7.C
2 points

Determine the force exerted by the fluid on the object at this time. Justify your answer.

For indicating that the net force is equal to zero when the object moves with constant speed		1 point
For indicating the resistive force is equal to the weight of the object at this time		1 point
Example: When the falling object reaches a constant speed in the fluid, the net force must be zero. Because the only vertical forces acting on the object are Earth's gravitational pull and the resistive force of the fluid, these two forces must be equal. So, the resistive force must be equal to the weight of the object or 0.12 N.		
<u>Note:</u> Credit given for solving mathematically		

Question 1 (continued)

Learning Objectives

CHA-1.B: Determine functions of position, velocity, and acceleration that are consistent with each other, for the motion of an object with a nonuniform acceleration.
CHA-1.C: Describe the motion of an object in terms of the consistency that exists between position and time, velocity and time, and acceleration and time.
INT-1.C.d: Derive an expression for the net force on an object in translational motion.
INT-1.H.b: Describe the acceleration, velocity, or position in relation to time for an object subject to a resistive force (with different initial conditions, i.e., falling from rest or projected vertically).
INT-1.I: Calculate the terminal velocity of an object moving vertically under the influence of a resistive force of a given relationship.

Science Practices

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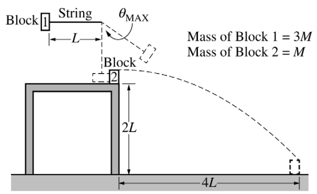


Note: Figure not drawn to scale.

A pendulum of length L consists of block 1 of mass $3M$ attached to the end of a string. Block 1 is released from rest with the string horizontal, as shown above. At the bottom of its swing, block 1 collides with block 2 of mass M, which is initially at rest at the edge of a table of height $2L$. Block 1 never touches the table. As a result of the collision, block 2 is launched horizontally from the table, landing on the floor a distance $4L$ from the base of the table. After the collision, block 1 continues forward and swings up. At its highest point, the string makes an angle θ_{MAX} to the vertical. Air resistance and friction are negligible. Express all algebraic answers in terms of M, L, and physical constants, as appropriate.

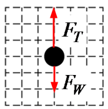
(a) LO CON-2.C.a, SP 5.E
1 point

Determine the speed of block 1 at the bottom of its swing just before it makes contact with block 2.

For correctly calculating the speed of block 1		1 point
$U_{g1} = K_2 \therefore mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \therefore gL = \frac{1}{2}v^2$		
$v = \sqrt{2gL}$		
Note: Credit is earned even if no work is shown.		

(b) LO INT-2.B.b, SP 3.D
2 points

On the dot below, which represents block 1, draw and label the forces (not components) that act on block 1 just before it makes contact with block 2. Each force must be represented by a distinct arrow starting on, and pointing away from, the dot. Forces with greater magnitude should be represented by longer vectors.



For correctly drawing and labeling the weight of the block and the tension in the string		1 point
For drawing the tension longer than the weight of the block		1 point
Note: A maximum of one point can be earned if there are any extraneous vectors.		

Question 2 (continued)

(c) LO INT-2.B.b, SP 5.A, 5.E
2 points

Derive an expression for the tension F_T in the string when the string is vertical just before block 1 makes contact with block 2. If you need to draw anything other than what you have shown in part (b) to assist in your solution, use the space below. Do NOT add anything to the figure in part (b).

For using an appropriate equation to calculate the tension in the string		1 point
$F_T = mg + ma_C = mg + \frac{mv^2}{r} = 3Mg + \frac{(3M)\left(\sqrt{2gL}\right)^2}{L}$		
For a correct answer		1 point
$F_T = 9Mg$		

For parts (d)–(g), the value for the length of the pendulum is $L = 75$ cm.

(d) LO CHA-2.C, SP 6.A, 6.C
2 points

Calculate the time between the instant block 2 leaves the table and the instant it first contacts the floor.

For using a correct kinematic equation to calculate the time		1 point
$\Delta y = v_1 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2 = \frac{1}{2}at^2 \therefore t = \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta y}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(2L)}{g}} = \sqrt{\frac{(4)(0.75\text{ m})}{\left(9.8\text{ m/s}^2\right)}}$		
For a correct answer		1 point
$t = 0.55$ s		

(e) LO CHA-2.C, SP 6.A, 6.C
2 points

Calculate the speed of block 2 as it leaves the table.

For using a correct kinematic equation to calculate the speed		1 point
$\Delta x = vt \therefore v = \frac{\Delta x}{t} = \frac{4L}{t}$		
For substituting the time from part (d) into equation above		1 point
$v = \frac{(4)(0.75\text{ m})}{(0.55\text{ s})} = 5.45\text{ m/s}$		

Question 2 (continued)

(f) LO CON-4.E.a, SP 6.B, 6.C
3 points

Calculate the speed of block 1 just after it collides with block 2.

For indicating the use of the correct conservation of momentum to calculate the speed		1 point
$p_i = p_f \therefore m_1 v_{1i} + m_2 v_{2i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f}$		
For correctly substituting the mass into equation above		1 point
$(3M)v_{1i} + 0 = (3M)v_{1f} + (M)v_{2f}$		
For substituting the speeds from parts (a) and (e) into equation above		1 point
$v_{1f} = \dfrac{(3M)v_{1i} - (M)v_{2f}}{(3M)} = \dfrac{(3M)\sqrt{2gL} - (M)v_{2f}}{(3M)}$		
$v_{1f} = \dfrac{(3)\sqrt{(2)(9.8\ \text{m/s}^2)(0.75\ \text{m})} - (1)(5.45\ \text{m/s})}{(3)} = 2.02\ \text{m/s}$		
($v_{1f} = 2.06$ m/s when using $g = 10\ \text{m/s}^2$)		

(g) LO CON-2.C.a, SP 6.B, 6.C
3 points

Calculate the angle θ_{MAX} that the string makes with the vertical, as shown in the original figure, when block 1 is at its highest point after the collision.

For using conservation of energy to calculate the angle		1 point
$K_1 = U_{g2}$		
$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgh$		
For correctly substituting $h = L(1-\cos\theta)$ into the equation above		1 point
For correctly substituting the speed from part (f) into the equation above		1 point
$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgL(1-\cos\theta) \therefore \dfrac{v^2}{2gL} = 1 - \cos\theta$		
$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(1 - \dfrac{v^2}{2gL}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(1 - \dfrac{(2.02\ \text{m/s})^2}{(2)(9.8\ \text{m/s}^2)(0.75\ \text{m})}\right) = 43.5°$		
($\theta = 44.1°$ when using $g = 10\ \text{m/s}^2$)		

Question 2 (continued)

Learning Objectives

CHA-2.C: Calculate kinematic quantities of an object in projectile motion, such as displacement, velocity, speed, acceleration, and time, given initial conditions of various launch angles, including a horizontal launch at some point in its trajectory.
INT-2.B.b: Describe forces that are exerted on objects undergoing horizontal circular motion, vertical circular motion, or horizontal circular motion on a banked curve.
CON-2.C.a: Calculate unknown quantities (e.g., speed or positions of an object) that are in a conservative system of connected objects, such as the masses in an Atwood machine, masses connected with pulley/string combinations, or the masses in a modified Atwood machine.
CON-4.E.a: Calculate the changes in speeds, changes in velocities, changes in kinetic energy, or changes in momenta of objects in all types of collisions (elastic or inelastic) in one dimension, given the initial conditions of the objects.

Science Practices

3.D: Create appropriate diagrams to represent physical situations.
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Question 3

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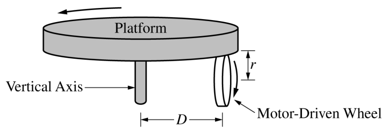


A horizontal circular platform with rotational inertia I_P rotates freely without friction on a vertical axis. A small motor-driven wheel that is used to rotate the platform is mounted under the platform and touches it. The wheel has radius r and touches the platform a distance D from the vertical axis of the platform, as shown above. The platform starts at rest, and the wheel exerts a constant horizontal force of magnitude F tangent to the wheel until the platform reaches an angular speed ω_P after time Δt. During time Δt, the wheel stays in contact with the platform without slipping.

(a) LO INT-7.A.b, CHA-4.A.b, SP 5.A, 5.E
2 points

Derive an expression for the angular speed ω_P of the platform. Express your answer in terms of I_P, r, D, F, Δt, and physical constants, as appropriate.

For correctly substituting into the rotational form of Newton's second law			1 point
$\tau = I\alpha \therefore FD = I_P\alpha$			
$\alpha = \dfrac{FD}{I_P}$			
For correctly substituting into a rotational kinematic equation to calculate the angular speed			1 point
$\omega_2 = \omega_1 + \alpha\Delta t = 0 + \left(\dfrac{FD}{I_P}\right)\Delta t$			
$\omega_P = \dfrac{FD\Delta t}{I_P}$			

(b) LO INT-7.D.a, SP 5.A, 5.E
2 points

Determine an expression for the kinetic energy of the platform at the moment it reaches angular speed ω_P. Express your answer in terms of I_P, r, D, F, Δt, and physical constants, as appropriate.

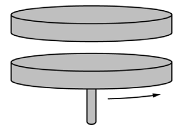
For using the equation for rotational kinetic energy		1 point
$K = \dfrac{1}{2}I\omega_P^2 = \left(\dfrac{1}{2}\right)(I)\left(\dfrac{FD\Delta t}{I}\right)^2$		
For an answer consistent with part (a)		1 point
$K = \dfrac{(FD\Delta t)^2}{2I}$		

Question 3 (continued)

(c) LO INT-7.C, SP 5.A, 5.E
2 points

Derive an expression for the angular speed of the wheel ω_W when the platform has reached angular speed ω_P. Express your answer in terms of D, r, ω_P, and physical constants, as appropriate.

For indicating that the linear speed of the platform is equal to the linear speed of the wheel		1 point
$v_P = v_W$ OR $(r\omega)_P = (r\omega)_W$		
For correctly relating the linear speeds to the angular speeds in the above equation		1 point
$D\omega_P = r\omega_W$		
$\omega_W = \dfrac{D\omega_P}{r}$		



When the platform is spinning at angular speed ω_P, the motor-driven wheel is removed. A student holds a disk directly above and concentric with the platform, as shown above. The disk has the same rotational inertia I_P as the platform. The student releases the disk from rest, and the disk falls onto the platform. After a short time, the disk and platform are observed to be rotating together at angular speed ω_f.

(d) LO CON-5.D.c, SP 5.A, 5.E
2 points

Derive an expression for ω_f. Express your answer in terms of ω_P, I_P, and physical constants, as appropriate.

For using an expression for the conservation of angular momentum		1 point
$L_1 = L_2 \therefore I_1\omega_1 = I_2\omega_2$		
For correctly substituting into the above equation		1 point
$I\omega_P = (2I)\omega_F$		
$\omega_F = \dfrac{1}{2}\omega_P$		

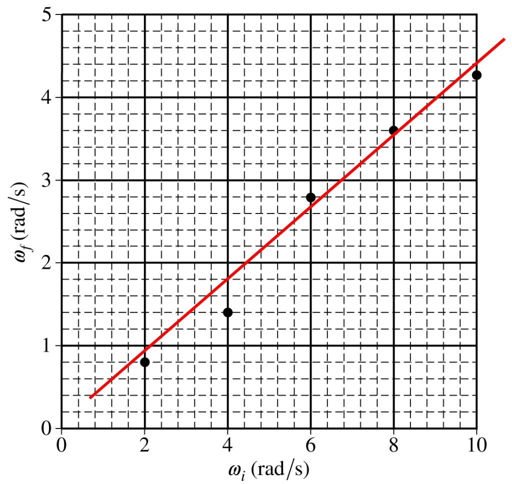
Question 3 (continued)

A student now uses the rotating platform $\left(I_P = 3.1 \text{ kg} \bullet \text{m}^2\right)$ to determine the rotational inertia I_U of an unknown object about a vertical axis that passes through the object's center of mass. The platform is rotating at an initial angular speed ω_i when the unknown object is dropped with its center of mass directly above the center of the platform. The platform and object are observed to be rotating together at angular speed ω_f. Trials are repeated for different values of ω_i. A graph of ω_f as a function of ω_i is shown on the axes below.

(e)

i. LO CON-5.D.c, SP 4.C
1 points

On the graph on the previous page, draw a best-fit line for the data.



For an appropriate best-fit line for the graph above		1 point

Question 3 (continued)

(e) continued

ii. LO CON-5.D.c, SP 4.D, 6.C
2 points

Using the straight line, calculate the rotational inertia of the unknown object I_U about a vertical axis passing through its center of mass.

For using conservation of angular momentum to derive an expression that includes I_U		1 point
$L_i = L_f \therefore I_P\omega_i = (I_P + I_U)\omega_f$		
$I_U = I_P\left(\dfrac{\omega_i}{\omega_f}\right) - I_P$		
For substituting points from the best-fit line into the expression above		1 point
$I_U = \left(3.1 \text{ kg}\bullet\text{m}^2\right)\left(\dfrac{(4.0 - 1.0) \text{ rad/s}}{(9.3 - 2.4) \text{ rad/s}}\right) - \left(3.1 \text{ kg}\bullet\text{m}^2\right) = 4.1 \text{ kg}\bullet\text{m}^2$		
Note: The point (0, 0) can be used implicitly if the best-fit line goes through the origin.		

(f) LO CON-5.D.c, SP 7.A, 7.C
2 points

The kinetic energy of the spinning platform before the object is dropped on it is K_i. The total kinetic energy of the platform-object system when it reaches angular speed ω_f is K_f. Which of the following expressions is true?

____ $K_f < K_i$ ____ $K_f = K_i$ ____ $K_f > K_i$

Justify your answer.

For selecting $K_f < K_i$ with an attempt at a relevant justification		1 point
For a correct justification		1 point
Example: Because the two disks will be rotating with the same final angular speed, this is an inelastic collision, and kinetic energy will be lost during the collision.		

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Question 3 (continued)

(g) LO INT-6.E, SP 7.A, 7.C
2 points

One of the students observes that the center of mass of the object is not actually aligned with the axis of the platform. Is the experimental value of I_U obtained in part (e) greater than, less than, or equal to the actual value of the rotational inertia of the unknown object about a vertical axis that passes through its center of mass?

____ Greater than ____ Less than ____ Equal to

Justify your answer.

For selecting "Greater than" with an attempt at a relevant justification		1 point
For a correct justification		1 point
Example: Because the center of mass of the object is off the axis of the platform, the parallel axis theorem would be used to calculate the total rotational inertia of the platform-object system. Using $I = I_{CM} + Mh^2$, the experimental value will be increased by Mh^2.		

Learning Objectives

INT-6.E: Derive the moments of inertia of an extended rigid body for different rotational axes (parallel to an axis that goes through the object's center of mass) if the moment of inertia is known about an axis through the object's center of mass.
CHA-4.A.b: Calculate unknown quantities such as angular positions, displacement, angular speeds, or angular acceleration of a rigid body in uniformly accelerated motion, given initial conditions.
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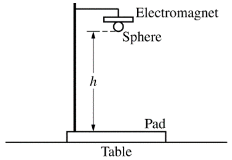

A student wants to determine the value of the acceleration due to gravity g for a specific location and sets up the following experiment. A solid sphere is held vertically a distance h above a pad by an electromagnet, as shown in the figure above. The experimental equipment is designed to release the sphere when the electromagnet is turned off. A timer also starts when the electromagnet is turned off, and the timer stops when the sphere lands on the pad.

(a) 2 points

While taking the first data point, the student notices that the electromagnet actually releases the sphere after the timer begins. Would the value of g calculated from this one measurement be greater than, less than, or equal to the actual value of g at the student's location?

____ Greater than ____ Less than ____ Equal to

Justify your answer.

For selecting "Less than" with an attempt at a relevant justification		1 point
For a correct justification		1 point
Example: Because the measured time to fall the same distance will be larger, the acceleration must be less.		
Example: Because the time is larger and $a \propto 1/t^2$, then g must decrease.		

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Question 1 (continued)

Distribution of points

The electromagnet is replaced so that the timer begins when the sphere is released. The student varies the distance h. The student measures and records the time Δt of the fall for each particular height, resulting in the following data table.

h (m)	0.10	0.20	0.60	0.80	1.00
Δt (s)	0.105	0.213	0.342	0.401	0.451

(b) 1 point

Indicate below which quantities should be graphed to yield a straight line whose slope could be used to calculate a numerical value for g.

Vertical axis: ____________

Horizontal axis: ____________

Use the remaining rows in the table above, as needed, to record any quantities that you indicated that are not given in the table. Label each row you use and include units.

For correctly indicating two variables that will yield a straight line that could be used to determine a value for g		1 point
Example: Vertical Axis: h *Horizontal Axis:* $(\Delta t)^2$		
Note: Student earns full credit if axes are reversed or if they use another acceptable combination.		

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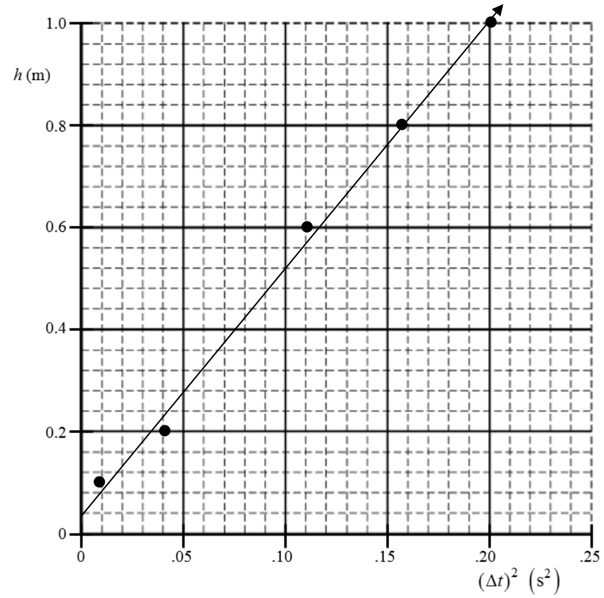
Question 1 (continued)

Distribution of points

(c) 4 points

Plot the data points for the quantities indicated in part (b) on the graph below. Clearly scale and label all axes, including units if appropriate. Draw a straight line that best represents the data.



For a correct scale that uses more than half the grid		1 point
For correctly labeling the axis with variables and units consistent with part (b)		1 point
For correctly plotting data consistent with part (b)		1 point
For drawing a straight line consistent with the plotted data		1 point

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Question 1 (continued)

Distribution of points

(d) 2 points

Using the straight line, calculate an experimental value for g.

For using points on the line rather than the data to calculate the slope		1 point
slope $= \dfrac{\Delta h}{\Delta(\Delta t)^2} = \dfrac{(0.80-0.20)\text{ m}}{(0.160-0.039)\text{ s}^2} = 4.96\text{ m/s}^2$ (Linear regression $= 4.83\text{ m/s}^2$)		
For correctly relating the slope to the acceleration due to gravity		1 point
slope $= \dfrac{1}{2}g \therefore g = 2\times\text{slope} = 2\times(4.96\text{ m/s}^2)$		
$g = 9.92\text{ m/s}^2$ (Linear regression $= 9.66\text{ m/s}^2$)		

Another student fits the data in the table to a quadratic equation. The student's equation for the distance fallen y as a function of time t is $y = At^2 + Bt + C$, where $A = 5.75\text{ m/s}^2$, $B = -0.524\text{ m/s}$, and $C = +0.080\text{ m}$. Vertically down is the positive direction.

(e) Using the student's equation above, do the following.

i. 1 point

Derive an expression for the velocity of the sphere as a function of time.

For correctly taking the time derivative of the given equation		1 point
$y = y_0 + v_1 t + \dfrac{1}{2}at^2 = At^2 + Bt + C$		
$v(t) = \dfrac{dy}{dt} = 2At + B$		
Note: Credit is earned for substituting numbers: $v(t) = (11.5\text{ m/s}^2)t - 0.524\text{ m/s}$.		

ii. 2 points

Calculate the new experimental value for g.

For correctly relating the given equation to a correct kinematic equation		1 point
$\Delta y = y - y_0 = v_1 t + \dfrac{1}{2}at^2$		
$y = y_0 + v_1 t + \dfrac{1}{2}at^2 = At^2 + Bt + C$		
For correctly relating the equation to the value of g		1 point
$A = \dfrac{1}{2}a = \dfrac{1}{2}g$		
$g = 2A = (2)(5.75\text{ m/s}^2) = 11.5\text{ m/s}^2$		

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Question 1 (continued)

Distribution of points

iii. 1 point

Using 9.81 m/s^2 as the accepted value for g at this location, calculate the percent error for the value found in part (e)(ii).

For correctly calculating the percent error		1 point
$\%\text{error} = \dfrac{\lvert\text{acc}-\text{exp}\rvert}{\text{acc}}\times 100\% = \dfrac{\lvert(11.5\text{ m/s}^2)-(9.81\text{ m/s}^2)\rvert}{(9.81\text{ m/s}^2)}\times 100\%$		
$\%\text{error} = 17.2\%$		
Note: Credit is earned if percent error is expressed as positive or negative.		

iv. 2 points

Assuming the sphere is at a height of 1.40 m at $t = 0$, calculate the velocity of the sphere just before it strikes the pad.

For relating the coefficients of the equation to the kinematic variables		1 point
$y = At^2 + Bt + C \therefore v_1 = B = -0.524\text{ m/s}$		
$a = 2A = 2\times(5.75\text{ m/s}^2) = 11.5\text{ m/s}^2$		
$y_0 = C = 0.080\text{ m}$		
For correctly using an appropriate kinematics equation to determine the velocity of the sphere		1 point
$v_2^2 = v_1^2 + 2a\Delta y$		
$v = \sqrt{v_1^2 + 2a\Delta y} = \sqrt{(-0.524\text{ m/s})^2 + (2)(11.5\text{ m/s}^2)(1.40\text{ m} - 0.080\text{ m})}$		
$v = 5.54\text{ m/s}$		
Alternate solution:		*Alternate Points*
For correctly determining the time of fall for the sphere		*1 point*
$y = At^2 + Bt + C$		
$1.40 = (5.75\text{ m/s}^2)t^2 + (-0.524\text{ m/s})t + (0.080\text{ m})$		
$5.75t^2 - 0.524t - 1.32 = 0$		
$t = 0.53\text{ s or } -0.44\text{ s} \therefore t = 0.53\text{ s}$		
For correctly using the equation from part (e)(i)		*1 point*
$v(t) = (11.5\text{ m/s}^2)(0.53\text{ s}) - 0.524\text{ m/s}$		
$v = 5.54\text{ m/s}$		

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Question 1 (continued)

Distribution of points

(e)

iv. (continued)

Alternate Solution — Conservation of Energy		
For relating the coefficients of the equation to the initial height and speed		1 point
$y = At^2 + Bt + C \;\therefore v_1 = B = -0.524 \text{ m/s}$		
$y_0 = C = 0.080 \text{ m}$		
For correctly using conservation of energy to determine the velocity of the sphere		1 point
$U_i + K_i = U_f + K_f$		
$mgh + \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$		
$v = \sqrt{2(11.5)(1.40 - 0.080) + (-0.524)^2} = 5.54 \text{ m/s}$		

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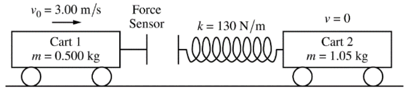
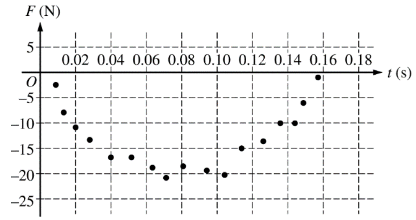
Question 2

15 points total **Distribution of points**



Two carts are on a horizontal, level track of negligible friction. Cart 1 has a sensor that measures the force exerted on it during a collision with cart 2, which has a spring attached. Cart 1 is moving with a speed of $v_0 = 3.00 \text{ m/s}$ toward cart 2, which is at rest, as shown in the figure above. The total mass of cart 1 and the force sensor is 0.500 kg, the mass of cart 2 is 1.05 kg, and the spring has negligible mass. The spring has a spring constant of $k = 130 \text{ N/m}$. The data for the force the spring exerts on cart 1 are shown in the graph below. A student models the data as the quadratic fit $F = \left(3200 \text{ N/s}^2\right)t^2 - \left(500 \text{ N/s}\right)t$.



(a) 3 points

Using integral calculus, calculate the total impulse delivered to cart 1 during the collision.

For using the given force equation in the integral to determine the impulse delivered to the cart		1 point
$J = \int F \cdot dt = \int 3200t^2 - 500t \; dt$		
For integrating the force using the correct limits or constant of integration		1 point
$J = \int_{t=0}^{t=0.16 \text{ s}} \left(3200t^2 - 500t\right)dt = \left[\frac{3200}{3}t^3 - 250t^2\right]_{t=0}^{t=0.16}$		
$J = \left(\left(\frac{3200}{3}\right)(0.16)^3 - (250)(0.16)^2\right) - 0$		
For a correct answer		1 point
$J = -2.03 \text{ N}\cdot\text{s}$		

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Question 2 (continued)

Distribution of points

(b)

i. 1 point

Calculate the speed of cart 1 after the collision.

For correct substitution into the impulse-momentum equation of the answer from part (a) to determine the speed of cart 1		1 point
$J = m_1(v_{1f} - v_{1i}) \therefore v_{1f} = \frac{J}{m_1} + v_{1i} = \frac{(-2.03\ \text{N•s})}{(0.500\ \text{kg})} + (3.00\ \text{m/s})$		
$v_{1f} = -1.06\ \text{m/s}$		

ii. 1 point

In which direction does cart 1 move after the collision?

____ Left ____ Right

____ The direction is undefined, because the speed of cart 1 is zero after the collision.

For correctly selecting "Left"		1 point

(c)

i. 2 points

Calculate the speed of cart 2 after the collision.

For using a correct equation to determine the speed of cart 2		1 point
$-J = -m_1(v_{1f} - v_{1i}) = m_2 v_{2f} \therefore v_{2f} = \frac{-J}{m_2}$		
For correct substitution of the answer from part (a)		1 point
$v_{2f} = \frac{(2.03\ \text{N•s})}{(1.05\ \text{kg})}$		
$v_{2f} = 1.93\ \text{m/s}$		

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Question 2 (continued)

Distribution of points

(c)

i. (continued)

Alternate solution		*Alternate Points*
For using the conservation of momentum to calculate the speed of cart 2 after the collision		*1 point*
$m_1 v_{1i} = m_1 v_{1f} + m_2 v_{2f} \therefore v_{2f} = \frac{m_1(v_{1i} - v_{1f})}{m_2}$		
For correct substitution of the answer from part (b)(i)		*1 point*
$v_{2f} = \frac{(0.500\ \text{kg})((3.00\ \text{m/s}) - (-1.06\ \text{m/s}))}{(1.05\ \text{kg})} = 1.93\ \text{m/s}$		

ii. 2 points

Show that the collision between the two carts is elastic.

For indicating that the initial and final kinetic energies must be equal		1 point
$K_{1i} = K_{1f} + K_{2f}$		
For correct substitutions of answers from parts (b)(i) and (c)(i) into the calculations of the initial and final kinetic energies		1 point
$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(0.500\ \text{kg})(3.00\ \text{m/s})^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(0.500\ \text{kg})(-1.06\ \text{m/s})^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(1.05\ \text{kg})(1.93\ \text{m/s})^2$		
$2.25\ \text{J} \approx 2.24\ \text{J}$		

(d)

i. 2 points

Calculate the speed of the center of mass of the two-cart-spring system.

For using the equation for the conservation of momentum to calculate the speed for the center of mass of the system		1 point
$m_1 v_{1i} = (m_1 + m_2) v_{cm} \therefore v_{cm} = \frac{m_1 v_{1i}}{(m_1 + m_2)}$		
For correct substitution into the equation above		1 point
$v_{cm} = \frac{(0.500\ \text{kg})(3.00\ \text{m/s})}{(0.500\ \text{kg} + 1.05\ \text{kg})} = 0.97\ \text{m/s}$		

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Question 2 (continued)

Distribution of points

(d) (continued)

ii. 3 points

Calculate the maximum elastic potential energy stored in the spring.

For using conservation of energy to calculate the maximum elastic potential energy stored in the spring		1 point
$K_i = K_f + U_{Sf}$		
For using the speed of the center of mass of the system for kinetic energy		1 point
$\frac{1}{2}m_1 v_{1i}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2){v_{cm}}^2 + U_{Sf}$		
$U_{Sf} = \frac{1}{2}m_1 v_{1i}^2 - \frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2){v_{cm}}^2$		
For correct substitution into above equation		1 point
$U_S = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(0.500\ \text{kg})(3.00\ \text{m/s})^2 - \frac{1}{2}(0.500\ \text{kg} + 1.05\ \text{kg})(0.97\ \text{m/s})^2$		
$U_S = 1.52\ \text{J}$		
Alternate Solution:		*Alternate Points*
For correctly determining the magnitude of the maximum force exerted between the carts		1 point
Set $\frac{dF}{dt} = 0 = 6400t - 500 \therefore 6400t = 500 \therefore t = 0.078\ \text{s}$		
$F_{MAX} = 3200(0.078)^2 - 500(0.078) = -19.5$		
$\lvert F_{MAX} \rvert = 19.5\ \text{N}$		
Note: Can estimate from the graph, and accept the range of 20 N to 21 N.		
For calculating the maximum compression of the spring		1 point
$F_{MAX} = -kx_{MAX}$		
$x_{MAX} = -\frac{F_{MAX}}{k} = -\frac{(-19.5\ \text{N})}{(130\ \text{N/m})} = 0.15\ \text{m}$		
Note: If estimating from the graph, accept the range from 0.15 m to 0.16 m.		
For substituting into an equation for the elastic potential energy at maximum spring compression		1 point
$U_S = \frac{1}{2}kx_{MAX}^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(130\ \text{N/m})(0.15\ \text{m})^2$		
$U_S = 1.46\ \text{J}$		
Note: If estimating from the graph, accept range from 1.46 J to 1.70 J.		

Units point: 1 point for correct units on all calculated answers

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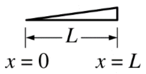
Question 3

15 points total **Distribution of points**

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{2M}{L^2}\right)x$$



A triangular rod, shown above, has length L, mass M, and a nonuniform linear mass density given by the equation $\lambda = \frac{2M}{L^2}x$, where x is the distance from one end of the rod.

(a) 3 points

Using integral calculus, show that the rotational inertia of the rod about its left end is $ML^2/2$.

For relating x to r properly in an integral to calculate the moment of inertia		1 point
$I = \int r^2 dm = \int x^2 dm$		
For correctly using the linear mass density to substitute into the equation above		1 point
$m = \int \lambda dx = \int \left(2M/L^2\right) x dx \therefore dm = \left(2M/L^2\right) x dx$		
$I = \int \left(2M/L^2\right) x^3 dx$		
For integrating using the correct limits or constant of integration		1 point
$I = \int_{x=0}^{x=L} \left(2M/L^2\right) x^3 dx = \left[\frac{\left(2M/L^2\right)x^4}{4}\right]_{x=0}^{x=L} = \frac{2M}{L^2}\left(\frac{L^4}{4} - 0\right) = ML^2/2$		

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Question 3 (continued)

Distribution of points

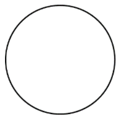

Figure 1

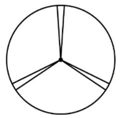

Figure 2

The thin hoop shown above in Figure 1 has a mass M, radius L, and a rotational inertia around its center of ML^2. Three rods identical to the rod from part (a) are now fastened to the thin hoop, as shown in Figure 2 above.

(b) 2 points

Derive an expression for the rotational inertia I_{tot} of the hoop-rods system about the center of the hoop. Express your answer in terms of M, L, and physical constants, as appropriate.

For setting the total rotational inertia for the hoop-rod system equal to the sum of the rotational inertias of the hoop and the three rods		1 point
$I = 3I_{rod} + I_{hoop}$		
$I = 3\left(ML^2/2\right) + ML^2$		
For a correct answer with work		1 point
$I = \frac{5}{2}ML^2$		

The hoop-rods system is initially at rest and held in place but is free to rotate around its center. A constant force F is exerted tangent to the hoop for a time Δt.

(c) 3 points

Derive an expression for the final angular speed ω of the hoop-rods system. Express your answer in terms of M, L, F, Δt, and physical constants, as appropriate.

For using an appropriate equation to determine the final angular speed of the hoop		1 point
$\tau\Delta t = I(\omega_2 - \omega_1)$		
$Fr\Delta t = I\omega$		
$\omega = \frac{Fr\Delta t}{I}$		
For relating the lever arm to the length of the rod		1 point
$\omega = \frac{FL\Delta t}{I}$		
For correct substitution from part (b)		1 point
$\omega = \frac{FL\Delta t}{\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)ML^2} = \frac{2F\Delta t}{5ML}$		

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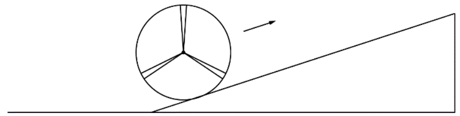
Question 3 (continued)

Distribution of points

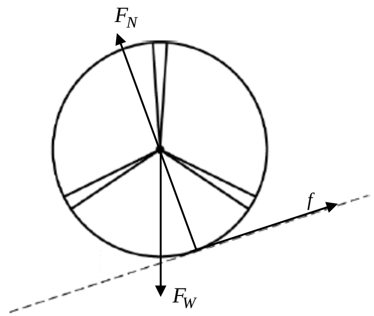


The hoop-rods system is rolling without slipping along a level horizontal surface with the angular speed ω found in part (c). At time $t = 0$, the system begins rolling without slipping up a ramp, as shown in the figure above.

(d)

i. 3 points

On the figure of the hoop-rods system below, draw and label the forces (not components) that act on the system. Each force must be represented by a distinct arrow starting at, and pointing away from, the point at which the force is exerted on the system.



For drawing the weight of the hoop-rod system in the correct direction		1 point
For drawing the normal force in the correct direction		1 point
For drawing the frictional force in the correct direction		1 point
Note: A maximum of two points can be earned if there are any extraneous vectors or any vector has an incorrect point of exertion.		

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Question 3 (continued)

Distribution of points

ii. 1 point

Justify your choice for the direction of each of the forces drawn in part (d)(i).

For a correct justification of the direction of the forces in part (d)(i)		1 point
Example: The normal force is always perpendicular to the surface, so it will be directed up and to the left. The gravitational force is always vertically downward. The friction will be opposite of the direction of rotation; therefore, it is directed up the incline.		

(e) 3 points

Derive an expression for the change in height of the center of the hoop from the moment it reaches the bottom of the ramp until the moment it reaches its maximum height. Express your answer in terms of M, L, I_{tot}, ω, and physical constants, as appropriate.

For including both linear and rotational kinetic energy in an equation for the conservation of energy to determine the final height of the hoop		1 point
$K_1 = U_{g2}$		
$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 = mgH$		
$H = \dfrac{\frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2}{mg}$		
For correct substitution of $v = L\omega$		1 point
$H = \dfrac{\frac{1}{2}m(L\omega)^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{tot}\omega^2}{mg}$		
$H = \dfrac{\frac{1}{2}\left(m_{tot}L^2 + I_{tot}\right)\omega^2}{m_{tot}g}$		
For correct substitution of inertias into energy equation		1 point
$H = \dfrac{\frac{1}{2}\left((3M + M)L^2 + I_{tot}\right)\omega^2}{(3M + M)g} = \dfrac{\left(4ML^2 + I_{tot}\right)\omega^2}{8Mg}$		